

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #78-9 Building Date: early 19th c., 1937
Building Name: Westphalia barns (Talburtt barns)
Location: 11100 block of Westphalia Road, Upper Marlboro, Maryland

Private/Agricultural/In Use/Good/Accessible

Description:

There are two tobacco barns on the Bean farm at Westphalia. The easternmost (bank) barn is the larger of the two (ca. 65' by 50'), and is situated at the top of a high knoll. The ridge of its tin gable-roof runs roughly north and south; the roof slopes to shallower wings on the east and west sides. The east wing rests on a high concrete block foundation; four windows light the lower level enclosed by this foundation. The framing of the barn consists generally of wide vertical siding; corrugated metal siding has been added on the west elevation. Entrance is through a hanging, sliding door on the south facade. The smaller (older) barn (ca. 40' by 44') is located about 800 feet to the west on another lower knoll. The ridge of its (corrugated tin) gable-roof runs roughly east and west, sloping to lower wings on north and south. The framing consists of wide (ca. 12") vertical boards. The main entrance is through a wide door on the east. There are several places in this barn which give evidence of repairs and reuse of old materials. In many sections of the exterior, the weatherworn hand-hewn boards have been replaced by circular-sawn boards; the east elevation, for example, is constructed of mostly new materials. On the interior some of the support posts are hand-hewn, while others are circular-sawn. On one of the hand-hewn posts, "J. Talburt" is clearly incised.

Significance

The two tobacco barns on the Bean farm at Westphalia represent two different eras of tobacco farming in this still-rural area; both are still used for hanging tobacco. The westernmost barn was part of the Talburtt/ Osbourn farmstead, known as "Alexandria", in the nineteenth century. Although it has undergone repairs and rebuilding, most of its original material has survived, and it retains the lines and shape of a typical nineteenth-century Prince George's County tobacco barn. Situated in an open field in rolling farmland, it is a noticeable landmark in this rural area. After the death in 1850 of Jesse Talburtt, whose name appears on one of the posts in his barn, his 330-acre farm passed to two more generations of his family. In 1925, the entire farm was sold to Arcenious Bean, whose heirs operate the farm today. Bean constructed the easternmost barn in the 1930's, and extended the concrete block foundation in the 1940's. Like the earlier barn to the west, this twentieth-century tobacco barn is a prominent and noticeable landmark in this rural area.

Acreage: ca. 66 acres

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Survey No. P.G. #78-9

Magi No.

DOE ☐yes ☐no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Westphalia (Talburtt) Tobacco Barns

and/or common Bean Tobacco Barns

2. Location

street & number 11100 block of Westphalia Road, north side ☐ not for publicationcity, town Upper Marlboro Westphalia ☐ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD. county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Thomas R. Bean

street & number 11102 Westphalia Road telephone no.:

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Md. 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P.G. Courthouse liber 1765

street & number Main Street folio 135

city, town Upper Marlboro state Md.

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title P.G. Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

repository for survey records History Division, MNCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Md.

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #78-9

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 19thc., 1937

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Jesse Talburtt (whose name appears on one of the posts in this barn) died in 1850, leaving his 330 acre farm to his five unmarried daughters. Of these five daughters, Sarah Ann was named executrix, and it was she who maintained the farm until her death in 1868. The farm was then conveyed to her niece (and namesake), Sarah Ann Osbourn.¹

At the turn of this century, the ca. 330-acre farm was sold by Sarah Ann Osbourn to her cousins, members of the Berry family; in 1925 the entire farm was sold to Arcenious Bean, whose heirs retain the farm today. Bean constructed the easternmost barn in the 1930's, and extended the concrete block foundation in the 1940's.² Like the earlier barn to the west, this twentieth-century tobacco barn is a prominent and noticeable landmark in this rural area.

Notes:

¹ Prince George's County Deed HB #7:74,311,503; Wills PC#1:419, WAJ #1:385.

² Prince George's County Deed #12:443; cf. chain of title. Interview with present owner, February 1985.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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cf. Notes, item #8

cf. Chain of title

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 66.01 acresQuadrangle name Upper Marlboro, Section B

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM referencesA

Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan Pearl/Kathryn Hendersonorganization Historic Preservation Commissiondate March 1985street & number c/o County Planning, MNCPPCtelephone 952-3521city or town Upper Marlboro,state Md.

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The 20th century barn burned to the ground, summer 1985

Susan Pearl

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

PC #78-9

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Talbot Tobacco Barns

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

NW Corner of Westphalia Rd., near Ritchie-Marlboro Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Westphalia

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☐ BUILDING(S)

☒ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES RESTRICTED

☐ YES UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas R. Bean

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

11100 Westphalia Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

There are two old tobacco barns here, on the north side of the road. They sit on small knolls of the rolling, cleared farmland. The oldest appears to be the one to the west, which has its doors in the (south) gable facade. The "A" roof slopes into wing-shaped, shed-roof sides on the east and west. Like most area tobacco barns, it is of weathered pine and unpainted.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the best and oldest remaining tobacco barns in the area. It is particularly attractive in this setting. This was the Talbot farm during the mid and late 1800's, and has been one of the Bean farms since the early 1900's.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

10/9/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Chain of Title

Westphalia Barns
P.G. #78-9

1765:135 27 Aug 1954 Deed	Arcenious W. Bean, widower, to Thomas Reeves Bean and Aleen G. Bean, his wife, 66.01 acres, same land acquired by A. W. Bean by #257:187.
257:187 31 Dec 1925 Deed	Roger B. Berry and Helena S. Berry, his wife, to Arcenious W. Bean, 319 acres with the reservation as to graveyard on said premises, same land acquired by Berry by #148:275.
148:275 8 Dec 1919 Deed	Mildred Lee Berry and Arthur Newman Tasker to Roger Bernard Berry, all land described in Equity #3424, originally containing 330 acres by #59:286.
148:274 25 Sept 1919 Deed	Charles Ernest Smith, widower, of the City of Washington, District of Columbia, to Roger Bernard Berry, all of the land and premises contained and described originally containing 330 acres in Equity #3424 by #59:286.
148:273 25 Sept 1919 Deed	Louise Berry and Roger B. Berry, Trustee, under a deed in trust from Annie Gertrude Henson and others to Charles Ernest Smith "all of the land and premises contained and described originally containing 330 acres" in Equity #3424 by #134:134.
134:134 11 May 1918 Indenture	Annie Gertrude Hanson, Douglas Gordon Hanson, Louise Berry, Mary Elizabeth Tasker, Mable Berry Thompson, A. Contee Thompson, Josephine Berry Clarke, Charles B. Clarke, Roger B. Berry and Helena Berry, John Talburt Berry, Edna Chapman Berry, Myer Heath Berry, Mildred Lee Berry to Louise Berry and Roger B. Berry, 330 acres as described in Equity #3424.
59:286 27 Jan 1910 Deed	Charles H. Stanley and Henry S. Matthews, trustees, to Roger B. Berry (the home farm of 330 acres and the small tract of 4 acres) same land by #124:443.
12:443 6 April 1903 Deed	Miss Sara Ann Osborne to Roger Bernard Berry, "all that tract of land in Mellwood District whereon I now reside containing 330 acres on road to Forestville", plus a four-acre tract adjoining: 1/3 interest to Roger B. Berry; 1/3 interest to William Pinkney Berry; and 1/3 interest to heirs of Jesse Talbert Berry. Same land acquired by Osborne from Miss Nancy Talbert, deceased.

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HB #7:503
31 July 1873
Deed

J. Alfred Osbourn and Julia, his wife, for \$10 to Sarah Ann Osbourn, tract called "Alexandria" and part of "Vale of Benjamin" both containing ca. 330 acres, plus small 4 acre lot adjoining; same which grantor acquired from C.C. Magruder, trustee, 28 June 1873.

HB #7:311
28 June 1873
Deed

Caleb C. Magruder to J. Alfred Osbourn; part of "Alexandria" and "Vale of Benjamin" totalling 330 acres, plus four-acre lot; C.C. Magruder, appointed trustee by Court of Equity to sell plantation of Jesse Talburtt, deceased; did sell to Osbourn and now executes this deed

HB #7:74
4 April 1873
Deed

Caroline Talburtt to (nephew) J. Alfred Osbourn, all her right and title to the plantation (parts of Alexandria and Vale of Benjamin plus a four-acre lot adjoining) where she now lives, retaining to herself a life estate.

#899
20 Feb 1873
Equity

Caroline Talburtt, Louise Berry and Charlotte Osbourn (daughters of Jesse Talburtt, deceased) vs. William O. Talburtt; petition that Jesse Talburtt's 334-acre homestead, which he had deeded to his four single daughters, be sold, and proceeds divided among his heirs; (three of those daughters Rebecca, Sarah Ann and Rachel now deceased)

WAJ #1:385
7 May 1868
Will

Testator, Sarah Ann Talburtt: to sisters Rachel and Caroline, all real estate for their life times, afterwards to niece, Sarah Ann Osbourn

PC #1:419
7 Apr 1850
Will

Testator, Jesse Talburtt: to (five) four single daughters, Sarah Ann, Caroline, Rebecca, Rachel (and Susan, deceased before 1845 codicil) - his plantation wherein he lives, ca. 334 acres; Sarah Ann Talburtt, executrix.

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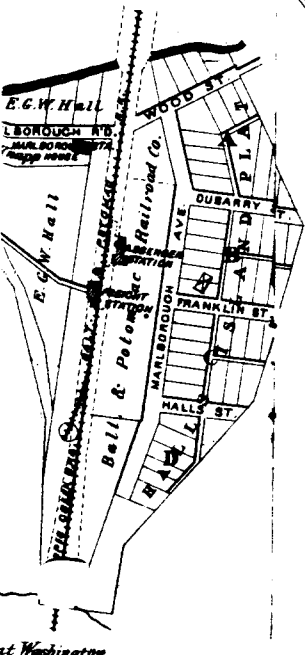
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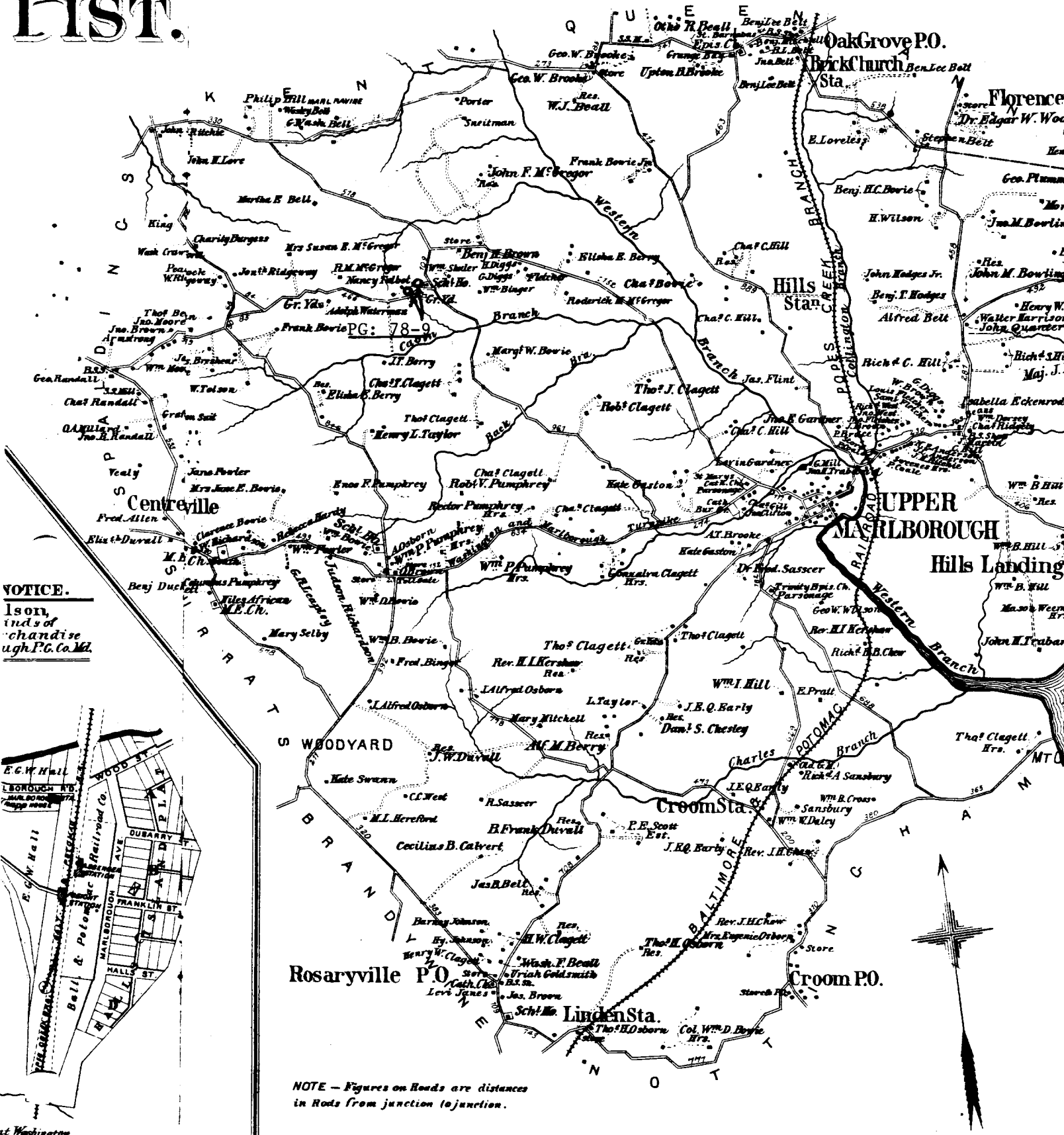
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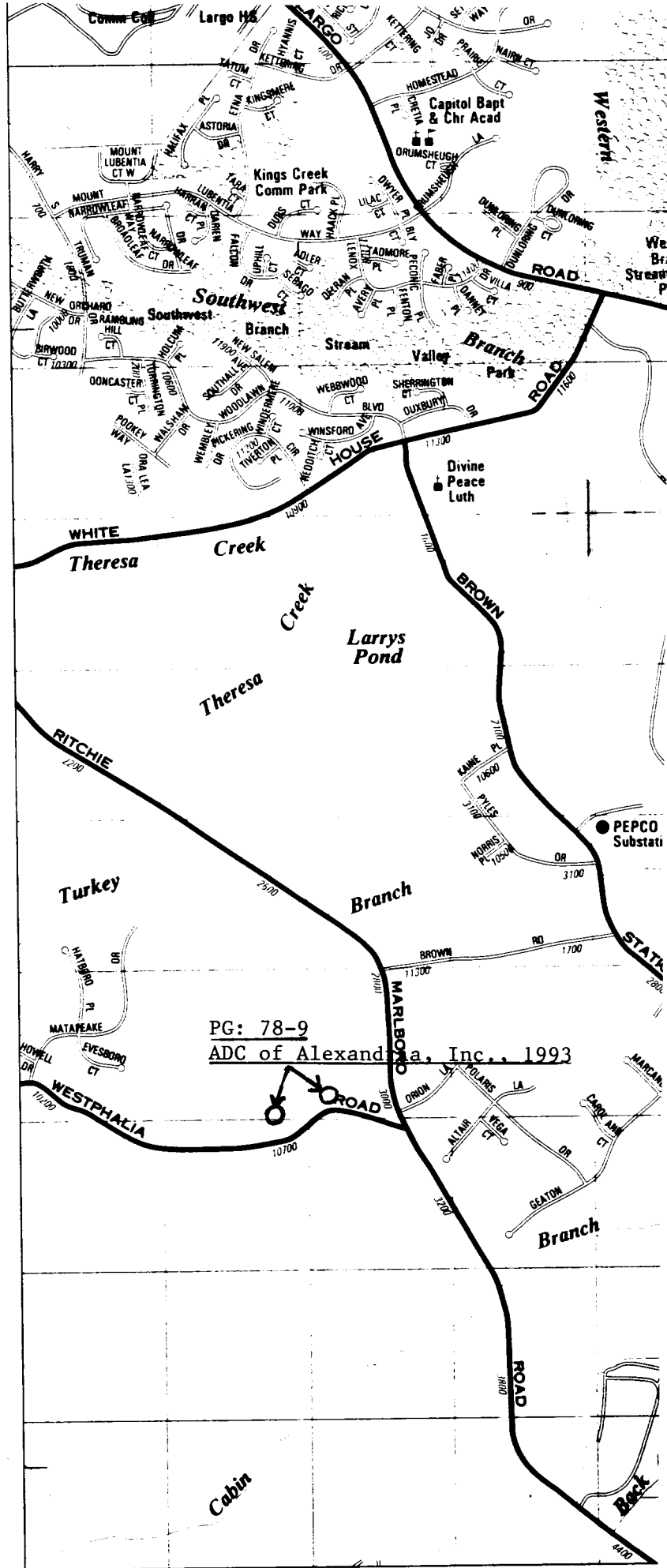
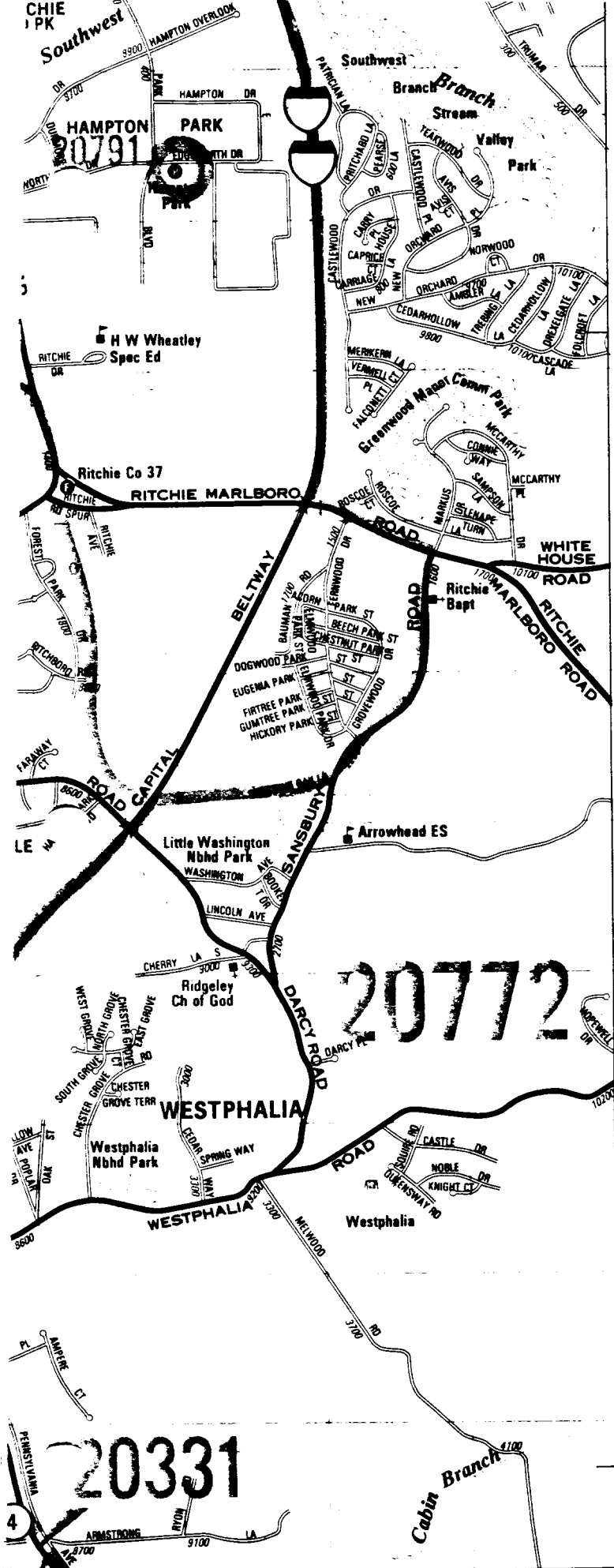
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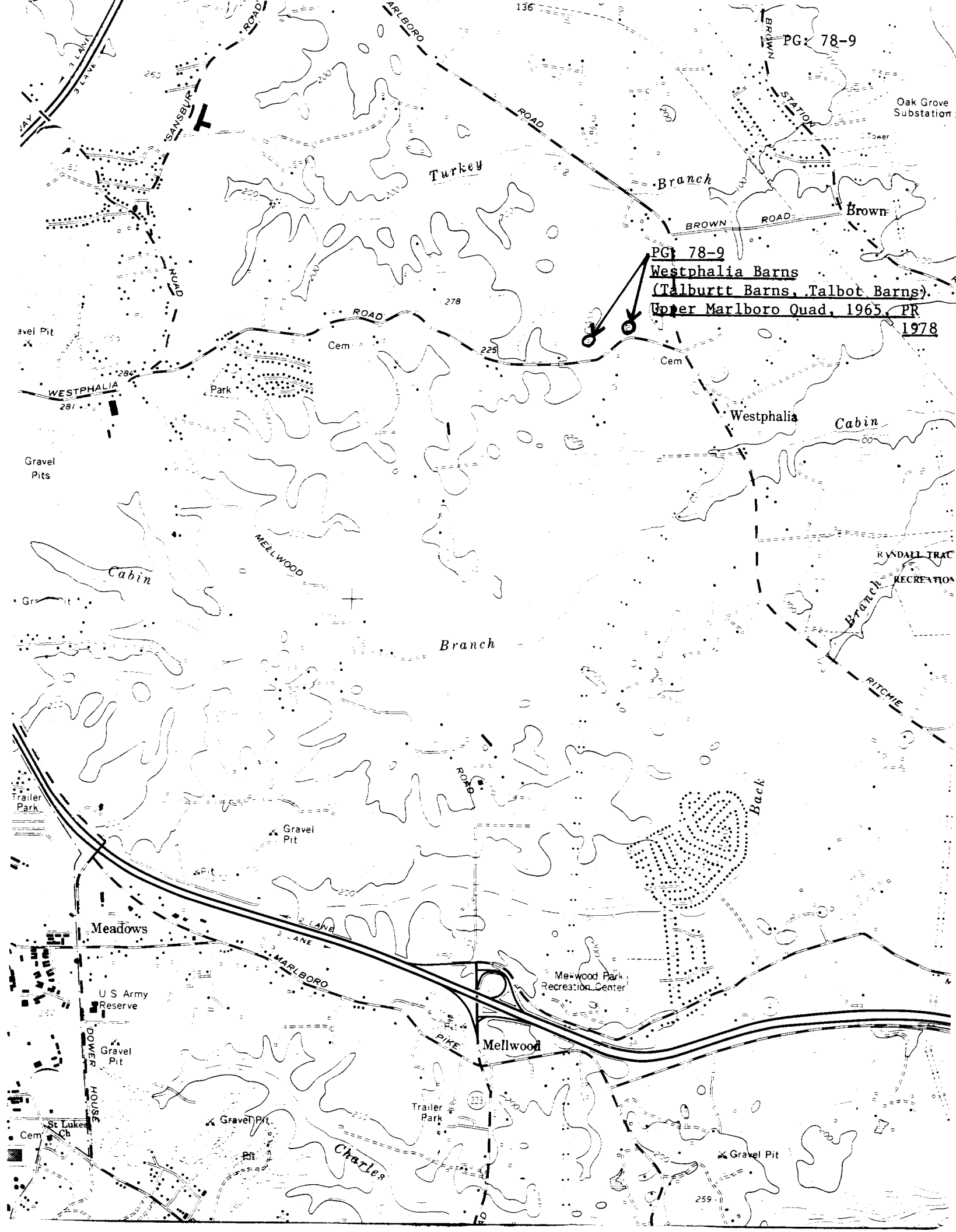
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Talburt Barn (1)

Prince George's County, MD

Susan G. Pearl

February 1985

West elevation

Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



P.G. #78-9

Talburt Barn (1)

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East elevation

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Westphalia Barn (2)

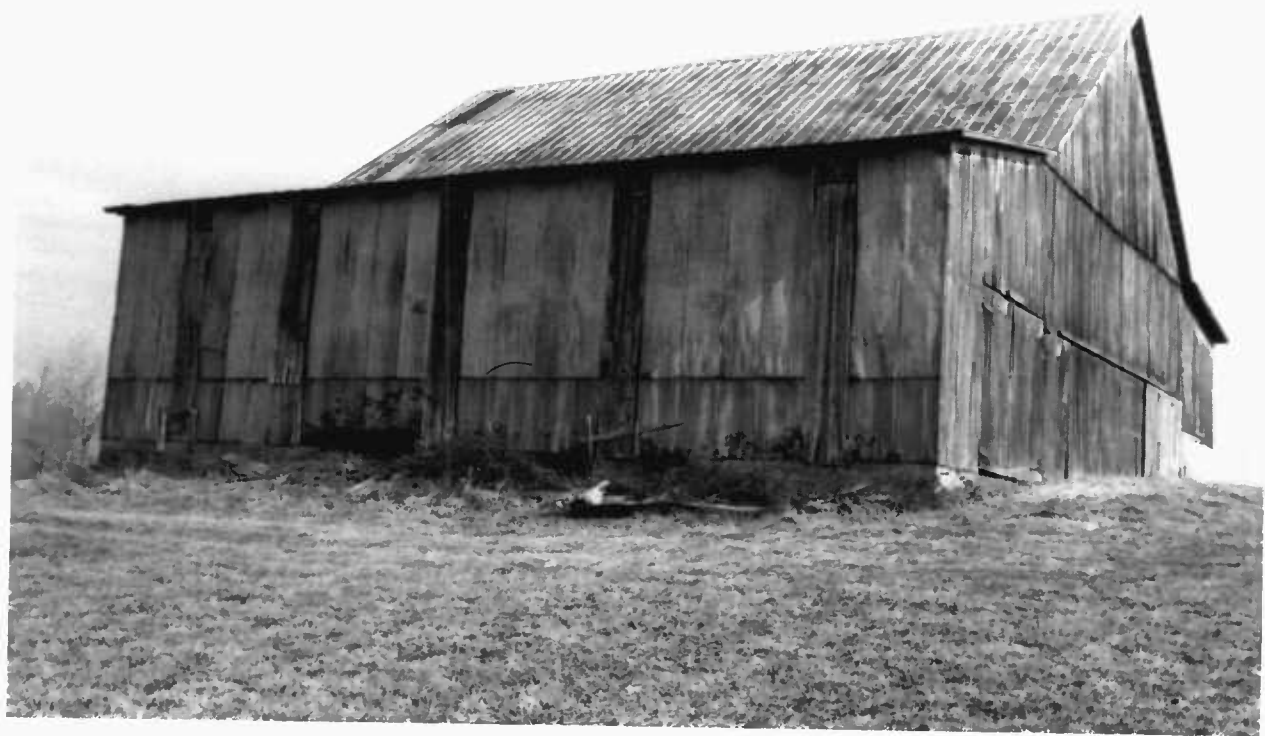
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South elevation

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Westphalia Barn (2)

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Southwest 3/4 elevation

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Talburt Barn (1)

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Detail, southwest corner

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Talburt Barn (1)

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Detail, interior

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NAME TALBOT TOBACCO BARN P6: 78-9

LOCATION WESTPHALIA Rd + RITCHIE - MARLBORO Rd UPPER MARLBORO, Md

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PHOTO TAKEN: 10/9/74 MOWYER